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Card
The Honorable Fred A. Seaton
The Secretary of the Interior
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Seaton:

At the meeting held in your Department on 22 January 1957 we were requested to inform you of this Agency's plans to observe Brotherhood Week.

In keeping with and in furtherance of the spirit of Brotherhood Week, I will issue a message to all employees announcing the observance of Brotherhood Week from 17 February to 24 February 1957. This communication will serve as a reminder to our employees to observe and promote Brotherhood Week and encourage them to broaden their knowledge and increase their participation in observance activities through study, attendance at religious services, community activities, etc. In addition, we will display the "Brotherhood - For Peace and Freedom" posters on our bulletin boards.

The feasibility of a formal service for our employees has been explored thoroughly. Unfortunately, the dispersion of our buildings and other operational considerations preclude a general assembly.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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EMPLOYEE SERVICES

BROTHERHOOD WEEK OBSERVANCE

1. National Brotherhood Week will be officially observed 17-24 February 1957. The National Conference of Christians and Jews sponsors the annual observance of Brotherhood Week. President Eisenhower is again serving as Honorary Chairman.

2. Founded in 1923 by Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes and other distinguished Americans, the National Conference of Christians and Jews has continued to grow through the years. The original organization began operations in a one-man office. Today it is a network of 62 regional offices serving more than 10,000 U.S. cities and villages. Of the 80,000 programs exchanged last year, 15,000 were with youth groups, over 1,000 with colleges and universities, and over 12,000 with public, private and parochial schools. The NCCJ also works with 2,500 women's organizations, 1,650 service clubs and a host of fraternal, veteran and farm organizations in carrying the message of good will to the people of our country.

3. Brotherhood Week is a symbol - a reminder to the people of this nation to live up to the ideals of brotherhood. One of the basic ways that America can meet the unprecedented challenge of today's world is by continually renewing and revitalizing contact with the great moral and spiritual resources in her heritage.

4. Getting together is an old American custom. Building better human relations of the true brotherhood of man can be achieved from attendance at religious services, participation in civic activities, and in countless other

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ways. By actively participating in organized brotherhood observances, we can make an effective contribution toward making democratic good will an everyday American living in every neighborhood. Through means which are distinctive to each of us, I feel sure we will give significant support to the brotherhood movement for greater intergroup understanding.

5. President Eisenhower, in a special message to NCCJ, said: "The fight for freedom today is in a real sense, a fight for the idea of brotherhood. Bigotry and intolerance, racial or religious hate and discrimination are spiritual acts of treason . . . I extend to the National Conference of Christians and Jews my fervent wish that the next 25 years may match, in honorable accomplishment, the brilliant quarter of a century you may have now completed."

SIGNED

ALLEN W. DULLES
Director of Central Intelligence

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